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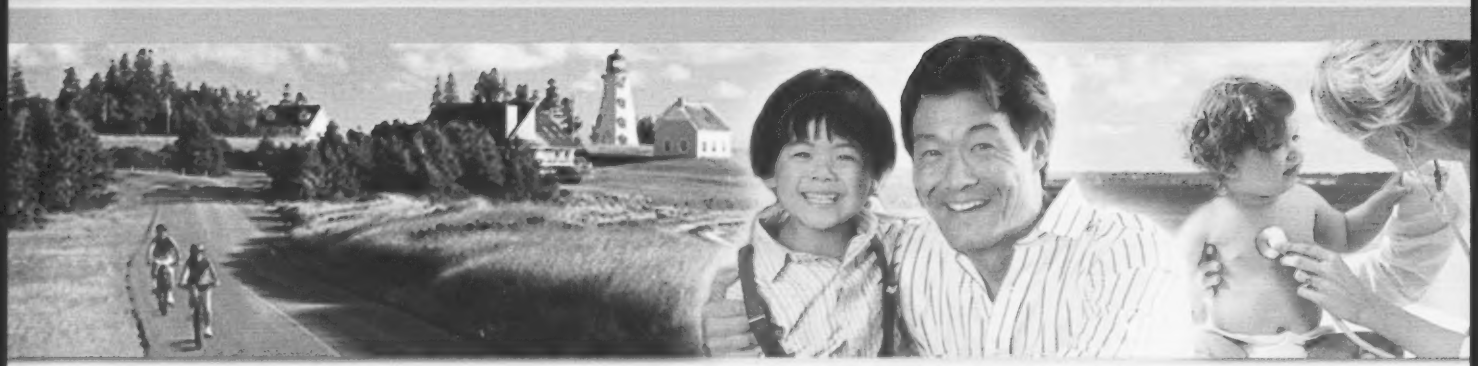


Department of Health and Wellness

Annual Report
2011–2012

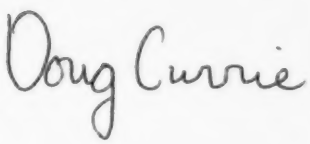
Message from the Minister

To the Honourable Frank H. Lewis
Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island

May It Please Your Honour:

It is my privilege to present the Annual Report of the Ministry of Health and Wellness for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,



Doug Currie

Minister of Health and Wellness

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Deputy Minister's Overview

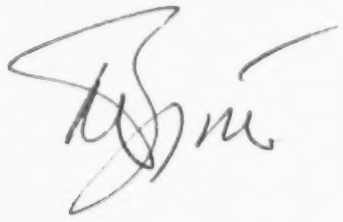
The Honourable Doug Currie
Minister of Health and Wellness
Province of Prince Edward Island

Honourable Minister:

It is my pleasure to submit the 2011-2012 Annual Report for the Department of Health and Wellness. The information included in this report, including the organizational structure, is presented as of March 31, 2012.

I am pleased with the progress we have made in the last year and look forward to meeting future challenges as we work together towards improving the health and wellness of all residents of Prince Edward Island.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Mayne

Deputy Minister, Health and Wellness

The Year in Review

EXPENDITURES

In 2011-12, the Department of Health and Wellness operating budget was $13.5 million.

PLANNING AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Because of the department's ongoing commitment to improve the quality of health care services for Islanders, 26 drugs were added to the PEI provincial formulary in fiscal year 2011-12. These medications will support thousands of Islanders facing various health conditions, including arthritis, osteoporosis, diabetes, Parkinson's disease, high blood pressure, growth hormone deficiency, blood clotting and others

In July 2011, Operational Care Service Standards for Private Nursing Homes were developed. The standards identify the minimum requirement for provision of licensed community care facility or nursing care service and are approved as the standards

In January 2012, it was announced that Premier Robert Ghiz and Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall would co-chair a Health Care Innovation Working Group [HCIWG] composed of all provincial and territorial health ministers. The division is providing provisional support to the working group as our province is one of the leads.

ENHANCEMENTS TO PUBLIC HEALTH

The first Chief Public Health Officer's Report was released to Islanders. Promote, Prevent, Protect – PEI Chief Public Health Officer's Report and Health Trends 2012 will further help support the Department's vision and initiatives to create a healthier province.

Through an expansion of the Provincial Immunization Program, the department enhanced efforts to prevent pertussis in newborns. The program offers a free booster dose of vaccine to the baby's parents and adults who will be in close contact with the baby. Other enhancements to the program included moving to a two dose varicella vaccine program as per national guidelines.

New guidelines for tanning salon owners, operators and users came into effect on December 8, 2011. The purpose of the new guidelines is to provide guidance and direction to owners and staff of tanning facilities. This includes informing and assisting the public in the safe use of tanning devices, restricting the use of tanning devices for those under 18 years of age, assessing skin type and skin conditions of clients prior to each tanning session, and advising clients on signs and symptoms of adverse reactions.

The Needle Exchange Program expanded to Kings County. The program now operates in four locations. In 2011, the number of client visits averaged 85 per month with approximately 88,000 clean needles distributed and approximately 75,000 collected and disposed of safely.

ENCOUAGING HEALTHY AND ACTIVE LIVES

The Living a Healthy Life program helps people with ongoing health conditions overcome daily challenges and maintain active and fulfilling lives. Throughout the program, people develop the skills they need to help themselves cope with their disease and gain the confidence and motivation necessary to manage their health and feel more positive in their lives.

Since its inception in 2008, the program has reached over 400 Islanders across 16 Island communities. In 2011-12, nine programs were offered with approximately 108 participants.

The department has partnered with the PEI Healthy Eating Alliance to improve the healthy eating habits of all Islanders through public education and supportive environments. School nutrition policies are an important part of a comprehensive approach to promoting healthy weights and healthy food environments for Island children and youth. Annually since 2009-10, the Department of Health and Wellness and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development have administered funds under a joint service contract with the PEI Healthy Eating Alliance to support schools in their compliance with school nutrition policies and the enhancement of school breakfast and snack programs. In 2011, the number of Island children benefitting from school breakfast and snack programs was approximately 6000 students.

Tobacco Reduction and Control is a key initiative of the department and much work has been done in the past year on this program.

The division has partnered with Health Canada on an initiative that promotes and directs smokers to a national toll-free Quitline on all cigarette packages. It will come into effect on June 19, 2012.

In January of 2012, the division partnered with Health PEI to introduce the Ottawa Model for Smoking Cessation in the Queen Elizabeth and Prince County Hospitals with plans to introduce more widely throughout the health system.

Prince Edward Island's current smoking rate is 16.2% -- the lowest in Atlantic Canada. Prevalence has steadily decreased from 27% in 1999 when the Canadian Tobacco Use Monitoring Survey began.

The department is committed to ensuring all Islanders have access to physical activity programs in their community.

In May 2010, Go!PEI was launched as a province-wide physical activity and health eating initiative. The program supports Islanders in taking charge of their personal health and improving their quality of life. To date, over 10,000 Islanders have participated in a program, challenge or education session and that number continues to grow.

To help facilitate the organization and execution of sport and recreation programming in communities all across the province, the province developed the Community Recreation Support Program and Amateur Sport Support Program.

Funding for 2011-12 under the Community Recreation Support Program included 22 arena support grants, 19 grants for facility development, eight grants for special projects and six municipalities and three regional councils received leadership grants.

Approximately 45 Provincial Sport Organizations apply annually for various funding under the Amateur Sport Support Program. Areas of funding support are: Administration, Athlete Development, Coaching Development, Officials Development, Elite Athlete Assistance, Sport Hosting and Canada Games.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION EFFORTS

The Department of Health and Wellness is committed to providing Islanders with better access to health care providers. As of March 2012, there are 233 physicians practicing in Prince Edward Island. Of that, 93 are family physicians (compared to 81 in 2006).

In December 2007, government announced the development of the PEI Family Medicine Residency Program. At fiscal end, all six graduates of the2012 Residency Program have committed to practice in Prince Edward Islandupon program completion.

The communities of Souris and Montague piloted the Internationally Educated Health Professionals project which ensures that new health professionals to the community are welcome and integrated in the community and workplace. This initiative also saw the development of a Newcomer Retention Toolkit.

The Recruitment and Retention Secretariat introduced the Employment Support Program to assist spouses and partners of hard-to-recruit health professionals who are considering employment in Prince Edward Island. This program provides support in the search of employment.

As a result of recruitment and retention efforts and the implementation of the Collaborative Model of Care, Prince Edward Island has more nurses working in our health system than ever before and fewer vacancies than ever before. Since 2007, RN positions increased by 125, LPN positions increased by 58 and RCW positions increased by 97.

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

Under the direction of the Provincial Archaeologist, the Province, in cooperation with the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI has continued the Malpeque Bay Archaeological Research Project, a community oriented effort which was conceived in 2006.

In 2011, the Secretariat continued an archaeological excavation at Pointe-aux-Vieux (Low Point), an 18th century Acadian farmstead. Pointe-aux-Vieux has been designated as a protected archaeological site under the province's Archaeology Act. The Secretariat has also led excavations at sites in Mt. Stewart and Pitawelkek (George's Island).

To encourage cultural awareness of the Mi'kmaq within the provincial government, a lunchtime presentation series on the Mi'kmaq of PEI was continued in partnership with the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI.

The Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat provided funding for the John J. Sark Memorial Scholarship to recognize three Aboriginal students per year who achieve academic success at the University of Prince Edward Island.

The Native Council of Prince Edward Island received funding from the federal and provincial government to support its National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program.

The Secretariat also provided annual grant funding to the Aboriginal Women's Association which assists that organization's ability to address specific issues related to Aboriginal women in Prince Edward Island.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS OVERVIEW

The Department of Health and Wellness is responsible for providing quality health care to the citizens of Prince Edward Island.

The role of the Department is to:

- provide leadership in maintaining and improving the health and well-being of citizens;
- provide leadership in innovation and continuous improvement and to provide specific high quality administration and regulatory services to the health system and Islanders;
- provide policy, program and operational leadership respecting the Island health care system; and
- provide horizontal leadership and coordination in the implementation of Government's Healthy Living Strategy

The Department of Health and Wellness is managed by a departmental management committee comprised of the Deputy Minister and senior directors. This group is responsible for providing overall management direction to the department and for overseeing long-term strategic planning.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE (AS OF MARCH 2012)

Minister of Health and Wellness
Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness
Finance and Corporate Management
Chief Public Health Office
Sport, Recreation and Healthy Living
Health System Planning and Development

FINANCE AND CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

This Division is responsible to support and assist the Department of Health and Wellness in the areas of human resource management, financial management, communications, and the administration of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the department.

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE

The Chief Public Health Office provides leadership and guidance in public health practice including health protection, health promotion, disease prevention, surveillance, health emergency management and research to the Department of Health and Wellness, Government and all Islanders.

The Chief Public Health Office is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the PEI *Public Health Act* and Regulations and for the following programs and services: Epidemiology, Environmental Health, Communicable Disease Program, Immunization Program, Infection Prevention and Control Program, Needle Exchange Program, Reproductive Care Program, Health Emergency Management and Vital Statistics.

HEALTH SYSTEM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Health System Planning and Development (HSPD)Division provides leadership and direction to planning, policy analysis and development and legislative initiatives which set the operating frame for Health PEI, as defined under the *Health Services Act.* Additionally, HSPD supports health workforce planning through the management of strategic recruitment and retention initiatives.

This involves policy leadership respecting the Island health care system; planning and program leadership respecting the Island health care system; legislation and regulation development; regulatory services related to community care facilities and private nursing homes; and health human resource planning, recruitment and retention.

SPORT, RECREATION AND HEALTHY LIVING

The Sport, Recreation and Healthy Living Division is responsible for encouraging Islanders to be active through sport, recreation and other physical activity pursuits. This mandate is achieved through a wide variety of partnerships with sport, recreation and active living organizations throughout the province. The division provides grants and consultation services to a number of provincial, regional and community groups. As well, the division relates to a variety of provincial and federal government departments and national and interprovincial organizations both government and non-government.

Programs under this division include: Amateur Sport Support Program, Community Recreation Support Program, Chronic Disease Prevention, Living a Healthy Life, Go!PEI and Bilateral Agreements.

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT (TO NOVEMBER 2011)

The Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat is a division of the Department of Health and Wellness. In addition to offering a central point of contact for First Nations and Aboriginal organizations, the Secretariat provides a means by which to promote inter-departmental communication and cooperation on governmental matters related to Aboriginal Affairs.

The division is also responsible for managing all archaeological activities conducted within Prince Edward Island as prescribed under the *Archaeological Act* and its Regulations. Responsibilities include archaeological site identification, management and protection, promoting public awareness, and engagement with interest groups.

APPENDIX A

EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE

	2011-2012 Budget Forecast $	2011-2012 Budget Estimate $
EXPENDITURE		
MINISTER'S/DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE	494,200	490,000
HEALTH POLICY AND PROGRAMS	5,046,200	5,348,300
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE	3,945,000	4,080,900
SPORT, RECREATION AND HEALTHY LIVING	3,502,600	3,672,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**12,988,000**	**13,591,700**
REVENUE		
HEALTH AND WELLNESS	1,040,000	1,007,100
TOTAL REVENUE	**1,040,000**	**1,007,100**

	2011-2012 Budget Forecast $	2011-2012 Budget Estimate $
MINISTER'S/DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE		
General		
Appropriations provided for the administration of the Minister's and the Deputy Minister's offices		
Administration	25,900	27,200
Equipment	-	2,500
Materials, Supplies and Services	6,500	6,700
Salaries	441,900	430,600
Travel and Training	19,900	23,000
Total General	494,200	490,000
TOTAL MINISTER'S/DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE	**494,200**	**490,000**
HEALTH POLICY AND PROGRAM		
Health Policy and Programs		
Appropriations provided to support the Department in carrying out its corporate management responsibilities in the areas of planning and evaluation, health policy development and analysis and legislation		
Administration	37,000	55,300
Equipment	20,400	18,100
Materials, Supplies and Services	18,800	36,400
Professional and Contract Services	120,900	128,000
Salaries	791,900	1,015,300
Travel and Training	24,800	46,800
Grants	1,389,800	1,395,100
Total Health Policy and Programs	2,403,600	2,695,000
Health Recruitment and Retention		
Appropriations provided for the Health Recruitment and Retention Secretariat to provide workforce planning and support the development and implementation of recruitment and retention strategies for physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals experiencing shortages		
Administration	12,900	17,200
Equipment	4,200	4,500
Materials, Supplies and Services	91,100	120,700
Professional and Contract Services	60,000	25,000
Salaries	1,163,300,	1,081,300
Travel and Training	19,200	20,700
Grants	1,291,900	1,383,900
Total Health Recruitment and Retention	2,642,600	2,653,300
TOTAL HEALTH POLICY AND PROGRAMS	**5,046,200**	**5,348,300**

	2011-2012 Budget Forecast $	2011-2012 Budget Estimate $
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE		
Chief Public Health Office		
Appropriations provided for administration of the *Public Health Act*, supervision of provincial public health programs, immunization programs, disease surveillance and communicable disease control.		
Administration	22,100	20,700
Materials, Supplies and Services	1,439,100	1,448,500
Professional and Contract Services	226,300	175,300
Salaries	666,800	705,000
Travel and Training	16,000	26,100
Grants	10,000	31,500
Total Chief Public Health Office	2,380,300	2,407,100
Epidemiology		
Appropriations provided to monitor and report to the public on health status and trends in the Province and to support evidence-based decisions and continuous improvement throughout the Health System		
Administration	4,600	3,600
Equipment	2,900	1,400
Materials, Supplies and Services	3,000	2,700
Professional and Contract Services	24,900	25,000
Salaries	322,700	370,900
Travel and Training	1,900	5,300
Total Epidemiology	360,000	408,900
Environmental Health and Inspection Services		
Appropriations provided for the services to educate, consult and inspect under the Public Health Act in areas such as food protection, occupational health, accommodations and slaughter houses. Inspection services also include enforcement under the *Tobacco Sales & Access Act* and *Smoke-free Places Act*.		
Administration	15,900	11,700
Equipment	3,600	5,600
Materials, Supplies and Services	5,700	10,600
Professional and Contract Services	98,400	84,700
Salaries	638,800	720,600
Travel and Training	58,900	48,300
Total Environmental Health and Inspection Services	821,000	881,500
Vital Statistics		
Appropriations provided for the Office of Vital Statistics which is responsible for the collection, registration and maintenance of vital event information for the Province include: births, deaths, marriages, adoptions, divorces, stillbirths and changes of name.		
Administration	10,400	12,300
Equipment	400	400
Materials, Supplies and Services	9,700	10,000
Professional and Contract Services	2,600	2,500

	2011-2012 Budget Forecast $	2011-2012 Budget Estimate $
Salaries	353,50	353,500
Travel and Training	6,800	4,700
Total Vital Statistics	383,400	383,400
TOTAL CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE	**3,945,000**	**4,080,900**
SPORT, RECREATION AND HEALTHY LIVING		
Sport, Recreation and Healthy Living		
Appropriations provided for development, implementation, delivery and monitoring of programs and services in the areas of sport, recreation, active living and disease prevention.		
Administration	18,900	19,600
Equipment	2,000	4,100
Materials, Supplies and Services	27,900	34,600
Professional and Contract Services	19,000	25,000
Salaries	630,300	763,900
Travel and Training	27,700	48,500
Grants	2,776,800	2,776,800
Total Sport, Recreation and Healthy Living	3,502,600	3,672,500
TOTAL SPORT, RECREATION AND HEALTHY LIVING	**3,502,600**	**3,672,500**
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS	**12,988,000**	**13,591,700**